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substantial

SYLLABICATION: sub·stan·tial

PRONUNCIATION:  səb-stăn'shəl

ADJECTIVE: **1.** Of, relating to, or having substance; material. **2.** True or real; not imaginary. **3.** Solidly built; strong. **4.** Ample; sustaining: *a substantial breakfast*. **5.** Considerable in importance, value, degree, amount, or extent: *won by a substantial margin*. **6.** Possessing wealth or property; well-to-do.

NOUN: **1.** An essential. Often used in the plural. **2.** A solid thing. Often used in the plural.

ETYMOLOGY: Middle English *substancial*, from Old French *substantiel*, from Latin *substantiālis*, from *substantia*, substance. See substance.

OTHER FORMS: **sub·stan'ti·al'i·ty** (-shē-ăl'ī-tē) , **sub·stan'tial·ness** (-shəl-nīs) —NOUN
sub·stan'tial·ly —ADVERB

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